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Title: RETINAL PIGMENT EPITHELIAL CELL CULTURES)	
<u>ON AMNIOTIC MEMBRANE AND TRANSPLANTATION</u>)	

ELECTION & PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Election Responsive to Lack of Unity of Invention under PCT Rule 3.1

This Election is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 3, 2006. Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group VII corresponding to claims 42-49. This election has been filed on or before January 3, 2007, and therefore only a single month of extension has been requested.

Preliminary Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Applicants kindly request entry of the preliminary amendments presented herein. Entry of the present claim amendments is proper because this amendment is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and focuses the claims for examination on the merits. Claims 1-41, 44, and 50-52 are cancelled herein. Claims 42, 43, and 45 are amended herein, and new claims 53-61 are presented herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 42, 43, 45-49, and 53-61 are pending.

Support for the present claim amendments can be found throughout the specification, including the as filed claims. For example, support for the amendment to claims 42 and 43 can be found at paragraph [0026], and support for the amendment to claim 45 can be found at paragraph [0034]. Support for new claims 53-61 can be found, for example, at paragraphs [0026], [0029], [0038]

Claim listing begins on page 3 of this paper.